The Deputy Commissioner has been requested to acquire the lands long ago and intimate the amount to be placed at his disposal.

(*g*) There was a gap at nearly the old weir level 50·00, left in the bund towards the left end and therefore no new lands not already in the bed were submerged. This gap was filled up in 1923. No rain during last year and the lands will be submerged only if there be good rains this year.

(*h*) About 150 acres.

Revenue Department has to settle.

About Rs. 166.

Is expected to yield about 3½ per cent. The return on irrigation works generally comes after some years and cannot be considered only in terms of percentage on the outlay but the benefit of irrigation works on the people generally has also to be counted.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. K. Suryanarayana Rao.—

With reference to answer to Q. 16 (f) will Government be pleased to say whether any lands were given in exchange for the lands acquired for the tank bed, and whether any compensation was paid to the owners of the lands brought under submersion?

Dewan.—

The information will be collected and furnished to the member.

Mr. K. Suryanarayana Rao.—

In regard to (*f*) no information has been given on certain points contained in it.

Dewan.—

The information is not available but it will be called for and supplied to the member.

By Mr. Singri Nanjappa,—(Tiptur Taluk).

Q.—17. Will the Government be pleased to state whether in view of the repeated prayers of the Tiptur public for the grant of relief during the distress in the Tumkur District last year, any steps were taken by them in the matter? If so, what was the nature of the relief given to the people of Tiptur? Were any remissions sanctioned in that taluk?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—17. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The following measures of relief were adopted :—

1. Sinking of temporary wells,
2. Starting of Village Improvement Works,
3. Construction of Wells under the Drinking Water Well Scheme,
4. Grant of gratuitous relief,
5. Grant of Takavi and Land Improvement Loans,
6. Opening of fodder Depots, and
7. Starting of Tank Restoration Works.

(*c*) No. The conditions in the taluk were not so bad as to require the grant of this concession.

BY MR. H. N. RAGHAVENDRA RAO,—(Hunsur Taluk).

Q.—18. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish talukwar and babwar details of the amounts spent on the Village Improvements mentioned in answer given to item 8 of Interpellation No. 21 of the Budget Session, 1924, and

(*b*) to state :—

(1) What is the time required to turn out satisfactory results in respect of Village Improvements ?

(2) Whether a special officer has been appointed for the purpose ?

(3) Whether a sum of Rs. 11,23,264 is not lying idle and whether they will take steps to carry out the improvements early with a view to utilise this amount ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—18. (*a*) Government regret it is not possible to furnish the details required on account of the labour and trouble involved in collecting the information.

(*b*) (1) No time limit can be fixed but all possible efforts are being made to expedite the works.

(2) No.

(3) If the member refers to the amounts held in deposit it is Rs. 1,14,617 and not Rs. 11,23,264. The amounts will be utilised as the villagers' contributions in respect of the works are received in full.